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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is, in part, to make of record co-pending Application No. 10/656,242 and the documents cited therein, which documents have not yet been disclosed in the subject application. The Examiner's attention is also directed to Office Actions issued in that case, copies of which are enclosed.

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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the English language abstracts attached thereto and/or in the specification of co-pending Application No. 10/656,242 where they are cited. In addition, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 2001-273622 may be found in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/036563 A1, which is in the same patent family. Furthermore, the concise explanation of JP 9-157062 and JP 2001-261376 may be found in the attached English language translations, which were generated by a computer at the Japanese Patent Office web site. Lastly, Applicants note that WO 03/078685 A1 is a publication of an international application from which co-pending Application No. 10/656,242 claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.


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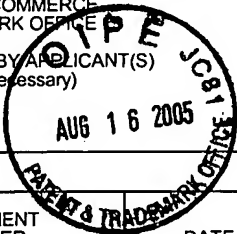
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